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(b) the action taken to prevent the disease from spreading to other villages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) No representation either from the village headman or from the residents of Vadakkikottai village, Pattukkottai taluk, regarding prevalence of infectious diseases among sheep in the village was received by the District Veterinary Officer, Tanjore, in the year 1953. There was, however, a report from the Therkukottai village nearby and it was promptly attended to by the Veterinary staff. The entire herd was treated for parasitic trouble and there was no spread of the disease."

Utilization of the amount allotted out of the Central Road Fund.

* 1206 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the amount received from the Government of India as Madras State quota from the Central Road Fund;

(b) how this amount has been spent or is proposed to be spent with details of allotment of funds, the nature and the estimated cost of each selected work; and

(c) the principle on which works have been selected?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper[a] laid on the table of the House."

Grant of takkavi loans to the ryots of Salem district.

* 1207 Q.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by the Government from the ryots of each taluk of Salem district for takkavi loans in 1953;

(b) how many of the applicants have been sanctioned loan; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) to (c) A statement[b] is placed on the table of the House."

Supply of water to the City of Madras.

* 1208 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the present level of water in the Red Hills Lake;

(b) the daily out-put (supply) to the City of Madras;

(c) why supply to the city is still restricted during day time;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 337–338 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 339 infra.

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(*d*) the causes for the disappearance of the bad smell in the water supplied to the City of Madras; and

(*e*) whether the Government have sanctioned any grants or loan to the Corporation of Madras for the purchase of plants for the purification of the city water-supply?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The level of the Red Hills Lake on 7th April 1954 was 42·25 feet against the full tank level of 45·86 feet.

"(*b*) About 23 million gallons of water is now supplied to the City.

" (*c*) The supply of the city is still restricted during the day time as with the available filter beds, it is possible to filter only about 23 million gallons a day.

" (*d*) The Corporation has taken precautionary measures to prevent the bad smell developing in the water by applying sufficient dosage of chlorine to the raw water and filter beds as and when they are found producing hydrogen sulphide, by sterilizing the trunk mains, and by scouring the distribution system periodically.

" (*e*) No, Sir."

Dispute between the workers and management of the Race Club, Guindy.

* 1209 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Guindy Race Course Labour Union, Madras, requesting the Government to refer the dispute between the workers and the management of the Race Club to a Labour Tribunal for adjudication; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under examination."

(Some hon. Members were seen rising up in their seats and indicating their desire to put supplementaries.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I must tell the House that I have placed before the House 50 questions to-day. I have received answers for about 400 questions. After this sitting, the House will meet only in November next. I want to place before the House 100 questions a day."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. There is one humble submission. On July 28th, 41 workers were retrenched and the Police Sub-Inspector and Police Sergeant of Saidapet and some constables came there and forcibly made the workers take their arrears of wages. This is an extraordinary thing. I therefore want to discuss this question and request that a half-hour debate may be allowed."